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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE U.S. AIRCRAFT TO NORTH KOREA

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, WE HAVE SOME INDICATIONS THAT AUSTRALIAN FIRM MAY BE ATTEMPTING PROCURE U.S. AIRCRAFT FOR SALE TO NORTH KOREA. NORTH KOREANS HAVE MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS OVER PAST YEAR TO ACQUIRE U.S. AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE NOT ACQUIESCED IN EFFORTS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES FOR NORTH KOREANS.

2. IN AUSTRALIAN CASE AIRCRAFT MENTIONED ARE CONVAIR 880'S AND BOEING 707'S. WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NONE OF FORMER IN AUSTRALIA, BUT THAT QANTAS HAS TWO BOEINGS EXCESS TO ITS NEEDS WHICH IT IS ATTEMPTING TO SELL.

3. BOEING 707S WERE SOLD TO QUANTAS ON CONDITION THAT THEY MAY NOT BE REEXPORTED WITHOUT USG APPROVAL.

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MOREOVER,

IN MAY 1973, WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED NEW GOA STRATEGIC EXPORT POLICY, HE STATED THAT GOA WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSURE ITS ALLIES THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT BE MEANS OF CIRCUMVENTING ANY REPEAT ANY CONTROLS WHICH THEY MAY MAINTAIN OVER THEIR OWN PRODUCTION. THEIR NEW POLICY

APPEARED TO BE INTENDED TO COVER STRATEGIC OR COCOM ITEMS (IN SPITE OF PHRASE "ANY CONTROLS"), WHEREAS WE HAVE EMBARGO AGAINST SALE OF ANY ITEM TO NORTH KOREA. IN ANY CASE, AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION NORMALLY HAS A NUMBER OF AVIONICS THAT ARE UNDER COCOM EMBARGO, SUCH AS SINGLE SIDE BAND RECEIVERS OVER 200 CHANNELS AND FREQUENCIES GREATER THAN 156 MHZ, GYROCOMPASSES, AND INTEGRATED FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS.

4. UNLESS IT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH QANTAS TO SAY WE ARE AWARE FROM BOEING LISTING THAT QANTAS HAS BOEING 707'S FOR SALE AND THAT IN VIEW OF NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPTS TO BUY USED BOEINGS DURING PAST YEAR WE WISHED TO STATE IN ADVANCE THAT WE WOULD NOT CONCUR IN SUCH SALE AND TO ASK QANTAS TO INVESTIGATE CAREFULLY ANY PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF ITS BOEING 707'S.

5. IF DECISION MADE TO APPROACH QANTAS, YOU MAY INFORM GOA OF APPROACH OR OF YOUR PLANS TO DO SO. IN ANY CASE, REQUEST YOU APPROACH GOA TO SAY THAT WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT AN AUSTRALIAN FIRM MAY BE PLANNING PURCHASE 707S FROM QANTAS OR FROM NON-AUSTRALIAN AIR LINE FOR EXPORT TO NORTH KOREA. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREA MAY BE PLANNING UTILIZE SOME FIRM AS INTERMEDIARY FOR SALE OF CONVAIRS BASED OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA. WE COULD NOT ACCEDE TO QANTAS REEXPORT SALE TO NORTH KOREA. IN LIGHT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF MAY 8, 1973, THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT BE THE MEANS TOWARD CIRCUMVENTING ANY CONTROLS WHICH ITS ALLIES MAINTAIN OVER THEIR OWN PRODUCTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOA'S ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING REEXPORT OF BOEINGS TO NORTH KOREA BY ANY OTHER AUSTRALIAN FIRM THAT MIGHT APPROACH THE NORTH KOREANS. WE ALSO HOPE IT WOULD ATTEMPT TO

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BLOCK SALE OF CONVAIRS BY AUSTRALIAN FIRM EVEN IF PLANES ARE NOT LOCATED IN AUSTRALIA. IF GOA SHOULD RESPOND THAT THE PM'S ASSURANCES APPLY ONLY TO STRATEGIC CONTROLS, YOU SHOULD REMIND THEM THAT WE HAVE A COMPLETE EMBARGO AGAINST ALL GOODS TO NORTH KOREA AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT UNDERMINE THAT EMBARGO. MOREOVER, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THESE AIRCRAFT CONTAIN ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF AVIONIC EQUIPMENT THAT ARE

EMBARGOED UNDER COCOM.

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